

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 have been amended. Claim 6 has been cancelled. New claims 11-12 have been added. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are pending and under consideration.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

I. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1 and 6 were objected to as being product by process claims. Claim 1 has been amended as indicated above and claim 6 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 2 and 7 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 2 and 7 have been amended in response to this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, at pages 2-3, claims 1-3 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kewpie K.K. (JP 167994/84).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite:

a light shielding layer formed by printing, in a multi-layer layer structure, a white color printed layer that is printed by white color ink and a light shielding printed layer that is printed by a light shielding ink, the light shielding layer having positions intended for heat seal to be laid on and heat sealed with each other for making a packaging bag, wherein

one of the heat seal positions is provided with a seal state confirming part, the seal state confirming part being inside of the heat seal position and covering an entire length of the heat seal position and including the white color printed layer and not the light shielding printed layer, a light transmittance of the seal state confirming part being greater than a light transmittance of the other positions intended for heat seal.

It is submitted that Kewpie K.K. does not discuss or suggest all of the features of claim 1, namely a light shielding layer that is formed by printing a white color printed layer that is printed by white color ink and a light shielding printed layer that is printed by a light shielding ink, and a seal state confirming part including the white color printed layer and not the light shielding

printed layer, wherein a light transmittance of the seal state confirming part being greater than a light transmittance of the other positions intended for heat seal.

Since Kewpie K.K. does not discuss or suggest all of the features of claim 1, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Kewpie K.K. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, and include all the features of claim 1, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the reference relied upon. Therefore, claims 2-5 patentably distinguish over the reference relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 102(b) rejections is respectfully requested.

New independent claim 11 recites:

a second multi-layered packing member including a second heat seal position along one entire length of the second multi-layered packing member corresponding to the heat seal position of the first multi-layered packing member, the second multi-layered packing member being a laminate formed by printing a white color printed layer that is printed by white color ink and a light shielding printed layer that is printed by a light shielding ink, the second multi-layered packing member including a seal state confirming part along the heat seal position and including the white color printed layer and not the light shielding printed layer.

It is submitted that Kewpie K.K. does not discuss or suggest all of the features of claim 11, namely the second multi-layered packing member being a laminate formed by printing a white color printed layer that is printed by white color ink and a light shielding printed layer that is printed by a light shielding ink, and including a seal state confirming part along the heat seal position and that includes the white color printed layer and not the light shielding printed layer.

Since Kewpie K.K. does not discuss or suggest all of the features of claim 11, claim 11 patentably distinguishes over Kewpie K.K. Thus it is submitted that claim 11, and claim 12 that depends therefrom, are in a condition for allowance.

Claims 7-10 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 11, and include all the features of claim 11, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the reference relied upon. Therefore, claims 7-10 patentably distinguish over the reference relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 102(b) rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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